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Research continues to provide valuable information about the effects of welfare changes on families receiving public assistance. This working paper is the third in a series of three examining what has been learned since the enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996. Following an introduction outlining the goals and outcomes of PRWORA, the paper delineates questions salient to the reauthorization of the act related to state spending/supplantation, caseload dynamics, employment, income, family composition/formation, special populations, amelioration of negative effects through interventions, and effects of a serious recession. The paper further presents highlights of research findings from the 1970s to 2000 pertinent to PRWORA objectives and identifies key areas remaining to be addressed. The research methodology issues requiring action are described, including utilizing existing technological resources, implementing interventions effectively, disseminating findings, synthesizing findings, examining specific populations, promoting the development of new controlled experiments, and including input from grassroots organizations and advocates. The paper concludes by noting that the past 5 years have witnessed cataclysmic changes in social welfare programs providing cash assistance. Further, the paper asserts that states and localities: (1) need to be encouraged to support the working poor by enhancing income with benefits; (2) need to mainstream vulnerable individuals into a range of services traditionally not receptive to low-income populations; and (3) address children's needs. The paper's appendix lists reviewed and unreviewed projects in the Research Forum Database, with publication contact information. (KB)

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Introduction

This is the third in a series of working papers designed to examine what has been learned since the enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, which is effective until fiscal year 2002. PRWORA ended Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), the federal entitlement to assistance for eligible needy families with children, and created the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. The goals of TANF are to: (1) provide support to poor families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; (2) promote job preparation, work, and marriage in order to reduce families' receipt of government benefits; (3) prevent and reduce the incidence of nonmarital pregnancies; and (4) encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. Under the new law, states are allowed greater flexibility over the design and implementation of their welfare programs, but are required to impose work requirements and enforce a five-year limit on the receipt of federal assistance. PRWORA makes $16.8 billion available to states each year through 2002 to help them achieve TANF goals.

As the first working paper published in August 1999 indicated, welfare policies in the United States have changed profoundly since the passage of PRWORA. Foremost among the changes is the dramatic and continuing reduction in the number of individuals participating in the TANF program. In 1999, fewer than 2.5 million families were receiving cash assistance from TANF, a reduction of 51 percent from the caseload of five million families receiving AFDC in 1994. In 2000, the caseload continued to decline and now includes 2.18 million families. Changes in caseload come from movement into the workforce, departures due to sanctions or time limits, and reduced entries that reflect diversion programs as well as participants' reluctance to conform to TANF mandates, particularly the work requirements. Starting in the mid 1990s, a strong economy and new state waiver programs had already stimulated declining enrollment in AFDC. PRWORA's requirements, plus continued economic strength through the late 1990s, sustained these earlier trends. The softening economy of the past year is affecting this picture.

Caseload reductions of somewhat lesser but still significant magnitude have been experienced in the Medicaid and Food Stamp programs since PRWORA's implementation. TANF participants and many TANF "leavers"—those individuals who have left or been diverted from the program—are still eligible for these benefits. However, participation in both the Medicaid and Food Stamp programs has been reduced, largely due to changes in immigrant eligibility under TANF. In addition, there have been problems administering TANF, and many individuals are not informed that they can apply for these benefits regardless of their TANF status. While PRWORA legislation is responsible for many results, other changes in immigration law, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, and health programs continue to affect TANF recipients and low-income working families.

TANF, Medicaid, and Food Stamp reductions have produced substantial fiscal surpluses for most states, providing an opportunity to budget resources for new initiatives that can further advance the objectives of PRWORA. Of the $55 billion available in total funds from 1997 to 2000, only $3.18 billion remained unobligated. Although some states are

using federal funds to create new kinds of programs and others are saving funds for use in a recession, many have still not made substantial changes to their welfare programs. More recently, there is evidence of a decline in state surplus funds. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reports that in FY 2000, 12 states exceeded their FY 2000 allotment and used their surpluses to finance their TANF expenditures.

In a period when most states were collecting greatly increased revenue from income and other taxes, fiscal adjustments to ensure that TANF revenues have been properly applied are critical to sustaining levels of funding that will allow states to advance the goals of welfare reform. TANF funds present an unprecedented opportunity for program development and the creation of interventions for the most vulnerable participants. Indeed, supplantation—using TANF funds to substitute for state funding—has increased during the past year. Researchers should be monitoring states' use of these funds carefully.

PRWORA Reauthorization—What We Need to Know

The fact that PRWORA must be reauthorized by 2002 makes it important to inventory what has been learned from past and current research and what information has yet to be developed. Speakers at conferences on welfare program evaluation sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in May 2000 and 2001 catalogued salient questions related to reauthorization. These questions pertain to:

State spending/supplantation

- States uses of TANF surpluses
- States substituting federal funds for state funds—'supplanting' the state funds
- Distribution of TANF funds to states

Caseload dynamics

- Caseload numbers by state
- Reentry rates by state
- Effects of sanctions
- Effects of time limits
- Those left on the rolls
- Changes in Food Stamp and Medicaid programs

Employment

- Information on numbers of TANF recipients employed
- Hours and duration of work
- Retention rates
- Evidence of advancement in the workforce
- Barriers to employment (e.g. child care availability, transportation, health problems)

Income

- Earnings
- Information on shared household income
- Child support enforcement and direct payment of support to families

Family composition/formation

- Marriage rates and trends
- Family size
- Birthrates by age cohort/marital status

Special populations

- Adults not on the rolls and not working
- Adults who are working in low-income jobs
- Children
- Floundering families (some likely on the rolls and some likely neither employed nor receiving assistance)
- Fathers
- Hard-to-serve populations
- Housing assistance recipients
- Immigrants
- Native Americans
- Rural participants
- Urban participants

Ameliorating negative effects through interventions

- Training interventions
- Child care interventions
- Special programs for vulnerable populations (particularly for victims of domestic violence)

The effects of a serious recession

- Current increases in corporate downsizing and reduced productivity signal emerging problems

It is striking to note how many data sources and how many different research methods are needed to adequately answer these questions. Much of the information already exists in administrative data files or in surveys completed or underway. Federal and state policymakers need to examine the extensive sets of existing and forthcoming findings to improve outcomes for TANF participants and leavers.

To provide a broad overview of such key research findings, the Research Forum Web site (www.researchforum.org) has developed new key topic pages that draw upon existing research findings from studies reviewed and entered in its database. Key topics include:

- Caseload Dynamics of TANF, Medicaid, and Food Stamp programs

- Work Requirements, Sanctions, Time Limits, Teen Parents, Marriage and Family Formation
- Financial Incentives, Job Retention, Welfare-to-Work, Child Care, Transportation, Housing
- Children, Immigrants, Urban, Rural, Fathers, Native Americans

Highlights of Research Findings: 1970s to 2000

As indicated in the 2000 edition of this Research Forum publication, highly relevant research began to emerge in the late 1970s and throughout the 1980s. Research findings most pertinent to PRWORA's objectives include:

- Research and analytic studies during the 1980s indicating that: (1) modest investments led to modest improvements in employment, earnings, and reduced reliance on public assistance and (2) caseload dynamics were related to levels of education and employment experience. This research identified a cohort of individuals (about 50 percent of the caseload) who moved into the workforce in a relatively short time.

- Three controlled experiments—New Chance Demonstration, Teenage Parent Demonstration (TPD), and Learning, Earning, and Parenting (LEAP) programs—illustrated the difficulties of improving education, employment, income, and childbearing outcomes for young mothers.

- Carefully designed studies that tracked children whose parents were participants in the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Training Program (now the National Evaluation of Welfare-to-Work Strategies) and in the New Chance Demonstration revealed the severity and prevalence of physical and developmental problems for children of teenage and other welfare mothers. These findings substantiated earlier analyses by Child Trends that detailed the problems of poor children, particularly those in low-income working families.

- More recent research from the waiver studies of the early 1990s documents increases in employment and reductions in caseloads at sites where time limits and sanctions were imposed, although the administration of and the rationale propelling time limits and sanctions are often problematic for staff and welfare participants. These findings on time limits were reinforced by the first policy brief from Welfare, Children, and Families: A Three-City Study: *What Welfare Recipients Know About the New Rules and What They Have to Say About Them* (July 2000) that highlighted the variations from place to place and the complexities of understanding the application of time limits.

- The effects of financial incentives when work is mandated have been impressive. Findings from the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and the Canada Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP), supported by earlier New Hope and New York Child

Assistance Program (NY CAP) findings, demonstrate that it is possible to improve employment and earnings while reducing poverty. The ambiguous findings of the National Evaluation of Welfare-to-Work Strategies (NEWWS), which was not so enriched in financial incentives, make the effect of financial incentives even more credible.

- "Leaver" studies, with their consistent theme of entry into low-wage jobs, emphasize the importance of increasing financial incentives. These studies also signal the need to address job retention and learn more about sanctioned populations.

- The welfare-to-work experiments and the Employment Retention and Advancement (ERA) initiatives are beginning to produce important information on impacts from interventions designed to improve employment, retention, and advancement in the work place. An ERA implementation report will be out late summer 2001; impact reports will be released in 2002. In addition, findings from the implementation phase of NEWWS should be used to inform our understanding about what vulnerable families need. Employment, earnings, and welfare impact findings for NEWWS subgroups have been released since last year. Similarly, the theoretical framework developed for ERA can mold policies concerned with retention and advancement.

- With regard to special populations, there are studies underway on Native Americans and rural and urban populations that need to be mined for emerging policy directions.

- A body of knowledge about child well-being has been developed that should be useful. MFIP and New Hope findings are particularly important for this. Contrasting this information with NEWWS' impacts for children should encourage well-designed, generous interventions. Other child outcome studies will continue to publish findings over the next several years, providing more opportunities for cross-site comparisons. In addition, child welfare waiver studies and national studies of child care (such as the National Study of Child Care for Low-Income Families) are designed to offer information on two vitally important programs serving children from low-income families—child welfare and child care subsidy programs.

Recent and Emerging Findings

During the past year, a number of studies have produced findings of importance to the reauthorization process.

- The Three-City Study, carefully designed to survey urban residents in low-income neighborhoods, has produced information about earnings, living arrangements, and family functioning for individuals who have entered employment from TANF; who have been sanctioned; who remain as TANF cases; and who have not received TANF or AFDC benefits in recent years.

- The Project on Devolution and Urban Change is now beginning to release findings on the changing role of social service organizations under welfare reform as well as findings on the receipt of Food Stamps and Medicaid as transitional benefits among TANF leavers. Findings are soon to be released on the health status of single-parent TANF recipients and leavers, welfare-to-work services for the hard-to-serve, and strategies among the working poor.

- The Jobs-Plus Public Housing Employment Initiative has identified strategies to target populations at risk and to amend current practices related to rent policies.

- The University of Michigan's Women's Employment Study, rigorously designed and well-executed in terms of survey participation, is producing very specific information about barriers to employment that should provide program development criteria for interventions.

- The SEEDCO evaluation of the Neighborhood Strategies Projects Works Program in New York City recently identified successful job placement and retention strategies for community-based organizations.

- The Next Generation analyses at MDRC are providing clues about the importance of income strategies combined with service strategies to improve family and child outcomes.

Questions Still Unanswered

Despite the multitude of studies, some key areas remain to be addressed.

- A great void in knowledge exists about the effects of PRWORA and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) statutory changes on immigrants and their children. Given the significant increase in immigrant families in the United States, this dearth of information—particularly as it relates to children in immigrant families—is troubling. Very large numbers of immigrant families have either become ineligible for health and Food Stamp benefits or have become reluctant to apply for benefits that they or their children may be eligible to receive. The potential effects of reduced health care and inadequate nutrition need to be examined.

- Still lacking is adequate information over time about the experience of individuals who have entered the workforce, usually with very low wages and limited benefits. Their income, job retention, and upper mobility histories could help inform public policy. Interventions designed to test the relative effects of particular benefits or combinations of benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Food Stamps, Medicaid, state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP), transportation, and housing can advance our strategies.

- Recent increased emphasis on the goal of marriage promotion and family formation has exposed gaps in existing research on the issue. Studies on the effectiveness and outcomes of various marriage promotion strategies would provide much-needed information to help shape new policies.

- More research is needed to examine the circumstances of individuals with multiple barriers to employment. Given the information emerging from the Michigan Women's Employment Study and from the Three-City Study, interventions to test new approaches for vulnerable individuals are needed. These strategies are likely to require health, mental health, employment, child care, transportation, and other service interventions. The implementation of CASAWorks, designed to reach substance abusers, can help inform other efforts to assist individuals who are depressed, developmentally disabled, or physically or otherwise handicapped. Clearly, those at risk of sanctions and those who have left the caseload but are not working are populations requiring attention, as are those remaining on the roles but without work involvement—the "hard-to-serve."

- Recent findings on child outcomes indicate the need for a next generation of research focused on testing new and more intensive combinations of services for families, including wage supplements, high-quality child care, and health and nutrition benefits. Research focused on low-wage working families and on vulnerable parents can be designed to include embedded studies on the subjects' children.

Research Methodology Issues

In addition to expanding the topical areas for research studies, a number of research methodology issues still require action. These include:

1. **Utilizing existing technological resources**

   The need to use existing information technology effectively has emerged as a critical issue to ensure that reliable data are available to support rigorous research. At a meeting recently hosted by the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) and Rockefeller Institute, participants agreed that management information systems (MIS) are needed to support service delivery functions at the local level, including assessment, referral, tracking, and follow-up for outcomes. Such systems need to be designed so that data can be aggregated to provide the information necessary for planning and management at the state and local levels. A majority of participants suggested the need for an entity, possibly an independent institute, to encourage the development of new systems and to identify exemplary prototypes.

2. **Implementing interventions effectively**

   The importance of implementation research continues to be a critical issue. Too often, new models or policies are imperfectly developed, weakening or destroying the value of studies measuring their impact. Frequently, the capacity of front-line and

management staff is not sufficient to guarantee full implementation. Issues related to assessment, professional skill, and collaborative interagency relationships must be addressed to support effective implementation. The Research Forum, in conjunction with the Institute for Research on Poverty, has been working with a group of highly skilled researchers to examine the range of methods needed to assess program implementation. This process—which has been protracted—should produce a publication on research methods during the coming year.

3. Disseminating findings

During the past year, there has continued to be a healthy and heartening increase in forums designed to share research findings and interests. The Welfare Information Network (WIN) conducts quarterly meetings focused on research areas of particular interest; Annie E. Casey Foundation has worked with Isabel Sawhill and Douglas Besharov to provide briefings for Congressional staff. More recently, The Brookings Institution has instituted a set of important meetings focused on reauthorization issues. The Institute for Research on Poverty, the Joint Center for Poverty Research, The Urban Institute, the Center for Law and Social Policy, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Heritage Foundation, American Enterprise Institute, the National Association of Child Advocates, and the Center on Community Change have all been actively examining these issues as well. The audiences reached are primarily policymakers and researchers, but the capacity to reach grassroots organizations is increasingly developing.

4. Synthesizing findings

Given the volume of findings and publications, synthesizing information takes on ever more critical importance. During the past year, some exceptional initiatives have been developed. Earlier work on financial incentives and time limits has been completed. More recently, an initiative titled Next Generation was designed to provide a series of syntheses based on findings from a range of experiments focused on child outcomes.

5. Examining specific populations

Census data will provide an exceptionally rich set of information about low-income (and other) families. This resource should be mined to identify data that can inform the reauthorization process, particularly with regard to specific populations (e.g. immigrants, children, urban and rural low-income populations, and Native Americans).

6. Promoting the development of new controlled experiments

Researchers should continue to develop controlled experiments designed to measure the effects of carefully crafted interventions for vulnerable groups of low-income individuals and for low-income working families.

7. Including input from grassroots organizations and advocates

There is evidence of an interest on the part of advocates and grassroots groups to be included in the formulation, design, and presentation of research questions and findings. This interest has become apparent in the Research Forum's work with advocate groups to determine how research findings might more effectively inform their work.

Conclusion

The past five years have witnessed cataclysmic changes in social welfare programs providing cash assistance. Unprecedented numbers of individuals have moved from the welfare rolls, many to employment, others to circumstances less desirable. For those still receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, differences also exist. Some are working while still receiving cash assistance; others are not. Research at the University of Michigan has focused on the characteristics of those working (whether on or off the rolls) as contrasted to those not employed (whether on or off the rolls). Those not working tend to experience multiple barriers to work, while those employed have limited barriers.

The attention paid under TANF to low-income workers compared to profoundly vulnerable individuals poses special challenges to the reauthorization process. On the one hand, states and localities need to be encouraged to support the working poor by enhancing income with benefits recognizing the value of work. These include the Earned Income Tax Credit and other wage supplements; Food Stamps and the Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); Medicaid and CHIP; transportation; and housing benefits.

On the other hand, states and localities need to be mainstreaming vulnerable individuals into a range of services that have not been particularly receptive to low-income populations. Clearly, the need for physical health, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability services can be demonstrated, based on what we have learned about individuals who have been sanctioned or who have remained dependent on public assistance or other social services without access to work.

Further, the needs of children in both low-income and vulnerable families need to be addressed. These children can benefit from high-quality early child care interventions as well as income and benefit supplements to their families. Of particular concern are the growing number of "child-only" cases where intensive interventions may be ever more important. Some of these children are from immigrant families and deserve special attention. Other immigrant children are not even eligible for the "child-only" designation. They may be our most at-risk children.

Finally, as the reauthorization process continues, issues related to staff and management capacity and information systems should be recognized.

APPENDIX

Monitoring and Supporting Welfare Research

Background

Information for this working paper is drawn from an interactive Web-based database (www.researchforum.org) created by staff at the Research Forum on Children, Families, and the New Federalism that became operational in October 1997. In the database, larger, multisite studies that meet preestablished criteria and whose summary descriptions have been reviewed by a principal investigator are categorized as reviewed projects. Smaller, single-site projects are categorized as unreviewed. Icons are used to indicate an income security focus, a family/child focus, a community focus, or a joint focus. In addition, a set of studies (both reviewed and unreviewed) are categorized as policy analysis projects.

Volume and Distribution of TANF Research Projects

The geographical distribution of active research projects in the Research Forum database roughly correlates with TANF caseloads (see Figure 1). Of the projects in the database in July 2001, 63 include California as a study site. Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin also have a high volume of research activity. Fewer research projects are being conducted in states that are smaller or have fewer TANF recipients. For instance, there are only 15 welfare reform studies in Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, and Wyoming.

Of the 228 projects in the database, 183 study issues relate to income security; of these, 38 projects include analyses of child and family effects. Final findings exist for 80 of these evaluations; 76 have interim findings; 72 have no findings yet.

A subset of evaluations (some of which are embedded within income security or community evaluations) is focused on child and family outcomes. Eighteen of these evaluations have final findings; 31 have interim findings; 31 have no findings yet.

Another subset of evaluations (some of which are embedded within income security or child and family evaluations) is focused on community issues. Five of these evaluations have final findings; 12 have interim findings; 7 have no findings yet.

The database includes 48 policy studies; 23 have been completed; 25 are on-going.

The "Key Topics" section of the Research Forum's Web site (www.researchforum.org/cfm/keytopics.cfm) contains income security studies that address the effects of time limits, sanctions, and work requirements, and the impacts of financial incentives, welfare-to-work strategies, and job retention strategies. This section also contains child and family research studies that measure child outcomes related to state welfare programs and others focused on child care, child welfare, and child support issues.

Federally Sponsored Research on Specific Groups

In the last three years, several federal agencies have launched research projects to measure the effects of welfare reform on different populations. These projects were designed to complement existing studies and further enhance the knowledge base. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), are responsible for coordinating the implementation of PRWORA. These agencies initiated a series of studies that are clustered around specific topics and populations relevant to welfare reform. To facilitate comparisons of findings across sites, the projects attempt to employ similar research questions and data collection methods. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and other federal agencies have also been engaged in research activities. Funding for many of the projects is drawn from the $5 million provided by Congress in 1998 to study welfare reform. States, localities, and private foundations are providing additional resources for these studies as well. Figure 2 shows the federally funded sites and studies.

The "Key Topics" section of the Research Forum's Web site (www.researchforum.org/cfm/keytopics.cfm) contains a number of the federal studies that focus on populations of special interest. They include studies of TANF and Food Stamp leavers, immigrants, rural populations, and tribal groups. This section also contains information about special initiatives on transportation and housing—two critically important elements for welfare-to-work and employment retention programs.

Research Forum Web Site Projects

The Research Forum's Web-based database contains descriptions of the 228 projects that are listed at the end of this report; 54 are reviewed; 174 are unreviewed.

Publications

The projects described above have produced a total of 671 publications in the last several years, 139 of them since August 2000, when the second edition of the Research Forum working paper was published. Approximately 75 additional reports are scheduled to be published in the coming year. In most instances, these published reports can be downloaded from the Web site of the sponsoring organization or by contacting the organization via e-mail.

Figure 1: Projects in Research Forum Database, July 2001

	Reviewed	Unreviewed	Total
ALABAMA	●●●●●●★★	●●●●●●★★★★★★	20
ALASKA	●●	●●●●●●★★★★★★★	15
ARIZONA	●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	22
ARKANSAS	●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	21
CALIFORNIA	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●● ★★★★★	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●● ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★	63
COLORADO	●●●●●●★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★★★★	26
CONNECTICUT	●●●●●●★★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	22
DELAWARE	●●●●★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★	18
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	●●★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	18
FLORIDA	●●●●●●●●●●★★★	●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	29
GEORGIA	●●●●●●★	●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★	24
HAWAII	●●●	●●●●●●★★★★★★	15
IDAHO	●●●	●●●●●●★★★★★★	15
ILLINOIS	●●●●●●●●●● ★★	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●● ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★	43
INDIANA	●●●●●★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	21
IOWA	●●●●●●●★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	24
KANSAS	●●●●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	20
KENTUCKY	●●●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★	21
LOUISIANA	●●●●	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★	18
MAINE	●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★	16
MARYLAND	●●●●●●●●★	●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	28
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MICHIGAN	●●●●●●●●●●●●★★★	●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	32
MINNESOTA	●●●●●●●●★★	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	24
MISSISSIPPI	●●●●★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★	19
MISSOURI	●●●	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★	21
MONTANA	●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★	15
NEBRASKA	●●●	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★	16
NEVADA	●●●●	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★	17
NEW HAMPSHIRE	●●●	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	17
NEW JERSEY	●●●●●●●★★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	25
NEW MEXICO	●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★	21
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OREGON	●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	24
PENNSYLVANIA	●●●●●●●●●●●★	●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★★	29
RHODE ISLAND	●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	17
SOUTH CAROLINA	●●●	●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★	23
SOUTH DAKOTA	●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	16
TENNESSEE	●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★★★	27
TEXAS	●●●●●●●●●●★★	●●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★	32
UTAH	●●●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	20
VERMONT	●●●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	18
VIRGINIA	●●●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★★	22
WASHINGTON	●●●●●●●●★	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★	33
WEST VIRGINIA	●●●●	●●●●●●●★★★★★★★	19
WISCONSIN	●●●●●●●●●●★★	●●●●●●●●●●●●●★★★★★★★★★	34
WYOMING	●●●	●●●●●●★★★★★★	15
CANADA	●●		2
TOTAL	54	174	

● Projects in database added prior to July 2000 (47 reviewed, 128 unreviewed)

★ Projects in database added since July 2000 as of July 2001 (7 reviewed, 46 unreviewed)

Figure 2: States Studied in Recent Federally Funded Research Projects

	Child Outcomes	Child Indicators	Welfare Leavers	Welfare-to-Work	Tribal Welfare-to-Work	Rural Welfare-to-Work	Employment Retention	Immigrants	Food Stamp Leavers	Transportation	Housing
ALABAMA											
ALASKA		★			★						
ARIZONA			★	★	★				★		
ARKANSAS										★	
CALIFORNIA		★	★	★	★		★	★		★	★
COLORADO										★	
CONNECTICUT	★										
DELAWARE		★									
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			★								
FLORIDA	★	★	★	★			★				
GEORGIA		★	★								
HAWAII		★									
IDAHO					★						
ILLINOIS			★	★		★	★		★	★	★
INDIANA	★			★							
IOWA	★		★			★			★		
KANSAS					★						
KENTUCKY										★	
LOUISIANA						★					
MAINE		★									
MARYLAND		★		★		★				★	★
MASSACHUSETTS			★	★							★
MICHIGAN										★	
MINNESOTA	★	★			★	★	★				
MISSISSIPPI						★					
MISSOURI			★			★				★	
MONTANA											
NEBRASKA											
NEVADA											
NEW HAMPSHIRE											
NEW JERSEY											
NEW MEXICO											
NEW YORK		★	★			★		★			★
NORTH CAROLINA					★					★	
NORTH DAKOTA					★						
OHIO			★								
OKLAHOMA											
OREGON					★		★			★	
PENNSYLVANIA				★							
RHODE ISLAND		★									
SOUTH CAROLINA			★				★		★		
SOUTH DAKOTA											
TENNESSEE				★			★				
TEXAS			★	★			★				
UTAH		★									
VERMONT		★				★					
VIRGINIA							★				
WASHINGTON			★	★		★					
WEST VIRGINIA		★		★							
WISCONSIN			★	★						★	
WYOMING											
TOTAL	5	14	15	13	9	10	9	2	4	11	5

★ One or more research projects examining one or more sites in that state.

Projects in the Research Forum Database and Publication Contact Information

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REVIEWED PROJECTS

A Better Chance (ABC) Evaluation
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Alabama ASSETS Demonstration
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(617) 492-7100

Arizona EMPOWER Welfare Reform Demonstration
Contact: *Abt Associates, Inc.*
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Assessing the New Federalism: National Survey of America's Families
Contact: *Urban Institute*
www.urban.org
(202) 467-5775 or pubs@ui.urban.org

Barriers to Employment and Family Functioning: Women's Employment Study
Contact: *University of Michigan School of Social Work*
www.ssw.umich.edu
(734) 764-3309 or sheldond@umich.edu

Big Cities Confront the New Politics of Child and Family Policy
Contact: *Columbia School of Social Work*
www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw
(212) 854-3058

Building Bridges: States Respond to Substance Abuse and Welfare Reform
Contact: *National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University*
http://www.casacolumbia.org/
(212) 841-5200

Canada's Self-Sufficiency Project (SSP) Evaluation
Contact: *Social Research Demonstration Corporation (SRDC)*
www.srdc.org
(613) 237-4311 or srdc@istar.ca

Canada's Earnings Supplement Project (ESP) Evaluation
Contact: *Social Research Demonstration Corporation (SRDC)*
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(613) 237-4311 or srdc@istar.ca

CASAWORKS for Families
Contact: *Treatment Research Institute, Inc.*
www.tresearch.org
(215) 399-0980

Cleveland Community Building Initiative (CCBI)
Contact: *Center on Urban Poverty and Social Change, Case Western Reserve University*
povertycenter.cwru.edu
(216) 368-2335 or sem@po.cwru.edu

Confronting the New Politics of Child and Family Policy in the U.S.
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Connecticut's Jobs First: Welfare Reform Evaluation Project
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(212) 532-3200 or publications@mdrc.org

Devolution, Welfare Reform, and Wellbeing Study: New York Social Indicators Survey
Contact: *Columbia School of Social Work*
www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw
(212) 854-3358

Examination of State Diversion Programs and Activities Under TANF
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www.gwumc.edu/chpr
(202) 530-2368 or ihokam@gwumc.edu

Faces of Change: Welfare Reform in America
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www.Alliance1.org
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Florida Family Transition Program (FTP) Evaluation
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Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study
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www.wws.princeton.edu/~crow/projects.html
(609) 258-5894

Front-Line Management and Practice Study
Contact: *Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York at Albany*
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GAIN Evaluation
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Growing Up in Poverty Project
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www.yale.edu
(203) 432-9931

Indiana Welfare Reform Evaluation
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www.abtassoc.com
(617) 492-7100

Infant Health and Development Program (IHDP)
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Iowa Family Investment Program (FIP) Evaluation
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Iowa's Limited Benefit Plan (LBP) Evaluation
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JOBS-PLUS Community Revitalization Initiative for Public Housing Families
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LEAP Evaluation
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Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Study (LAFANS)
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Minnesota's Family Investment Program (MFIP) Evaluation
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Monitoring Child and Family Social Program Outcomes: Before and After Welfare Reform in Four States
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www.chapin.uchicago.edu
(773) 753-5900 or publications@chmail.spc.uchicago.edu

Monitoring States' Welfare Reforms
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www.gao.gov
(202) 512-6000 or info@gao.gov

Moving to Opportunity for Fair Housing Demonstration Program
Contact: *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*
www.hud.gov
(202) 708-3700 Ext. 5706

National Evaluation of the Comprehensive Child Development Program (CCDP)
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National Evaluation of Welfare-to-Work Strategies (formerly JOBS)
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National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW)
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New Chance Demonstration
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New Hope Project
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New York Child Assistance Program (NY CAP) Evaluation
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NICHD Study of Early Child Care
Contact: *National Institute of Child Health and Development*
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(301) 435-6946

North Dakota Training, Education, Employment, and Management (TEEM) Project Evaluation
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Parents' Fair Share Demonstration
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Postemployment Services Demonstration
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Prenatal and Infancy Home Visitation by Nurses
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(303) 864-5206

Preschool Immunization Project Evaluation
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Project on Devolution and Urban Change
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State Capacity Study
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State Policy Documentation Project
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Teenage Parent Demonstration Program
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Three States' Approaches Show Promise of Increasing Work Participation
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To Strengthen Michigan's Families (TSMF) Evaluation
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Vermont Welfare Restructuring Project Evaluation
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Welfare Reform: States Early Experiences with Benefit Termination
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Welfare, Children, and Families: A Three-City Study
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A Process Study of Iowa's Post-Employment Pilot Project
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Alameda County CalWORKs Needs Assessment
Contact: *Public Health Institute*
www.phi.org
(510) 649-1987

Analysis of Missouri Workforce Development System "Program Leavers"
Contact: *University of Missouri*
www.missouri.edu
(573)882-0063

Arizona TANF Cash Exit Study
Contact: *Arizona Department of Economic Security*
www.state.az.us
(602) 229-2766

Arkansas Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) Program
Contact: Berkeley Planning Associates
www.bpacal.com
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Assessing Effective Welfare-to-Work Strategies for Domestic Violence Victims and Survivors in the Options/Opciones Project
Contact: Center for Impact Research
www.impactresearch.org
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Assessing Enhanced Transitional Employment (ETE) Programs
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Assessing the Effects of Welfare Reform on California's Most Precarious Families
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Bridges to Work Demonstration
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www.ppv.org
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Broken Promise: Welfare Reform Two Years Later
Contact: *Equal Rights Advocates*
www.equalrights.org
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Budgetary and Spending Implications of a Food Stamp Outreach Program
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California Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
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California Works Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) Program Statewide Evaluation
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California: Welfare Reform's Impact on Legal Immigrants' Access to Health Care
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www.lif.org
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CalWORKs Project
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www.cimh.org
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Carolina Abecederian Project
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Chicago Longitudinal Study
Contact: *Waisman Center at University of Wisconsin, Madison*
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Child Support and Data Analysis Project
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Child Welfare in a CalWORKS Environment
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Child Well-Being Effects of Welfare Reform
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Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program (C-SNAP)
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Colorado Child Welfare Managed Care Study
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www.cdhs.state.co.us
(303) 866-4365

Colorado Child Welfare Waiver Project
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Comparing Recent Declines in Oregon's Cash Assistance Caseload with Trends in the Poverty Population
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Comprehensive Evaluation of Welfare Reform in New York State
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www.dfa.state.ny.us
(518) 474-9482

Connecticut Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
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Contra Costa and Alameda Counties (CA) "Leavers" Project
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Converting to Wisconsin Works: Where Did Families Go When AFDC Ended in Milwaukee?
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Cuyahoga County Post-TANF Tracking Project
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Delaware Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
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www.state.de.us/dhhs
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District of Columbia "Leavers" Project
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(202) 467-5775 or pubs@ui.urban.org

District of Columbia Child Welfare Waiver Project
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www.washingtondc.gov
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Early Head Start Research and Evaluation Project
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Effects of Welfare Reform on Housing Assistance Recipients
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www.jhu.edu/~ips
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Effects of Welfare Reform on Special Populations
Contact: *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families*
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Effects of Welfare-to-Work Programs in Illinois
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Employment Retention and Advancement (ERA) Project
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Evaluating CalWORKS in Los Angeles County
Contact: *Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services*
www.dpss.co.la.ca.us

Evaluation of Outcomes for the AFDC/TANF and FUTURES Populations: 1993-1998
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www.missouri.edu
(573) 882-0063 or ryan@econ.missouri.edu

Evaluation of the North Carolina Work First Program
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www.maxinc.com
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Evaluation of Washington State's Welfare Reform
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jlarc.leg.wa.gov
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Examining the Impact of Welfare Reform on Medi-Cal
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www.ncqa.org/Pages/Programs/HEDIS/medi-cal.htm
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Exiting Welfare: The Experiences of Families in Metro New Orleans
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www.suno.edu
(504) 286-5376 or tlindhorst@aol.com

Expanding Medicaid Enrollment Using Tax Data
Contact: *New Mexico Human Services Department*
www.state.nm.us/hsd
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Family Income Study
Contact: *Washington State Institute for Public Policy, Evergreen State College*
www.wa.gov/wsipp
(360) 866-6000, ext. 6380

Family Preservation and Reunification Program Evaluation
Contact: *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families*
www.acf.dhhs.gov
(202) 690-5653

Family Well-Being and Welfare Reform in Iowa
Contact: *Iowa State University*
www.iastate.edu
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Federal Funding Impact Study
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www.stl.unitedway.org
(314) 539-4079 or mcdaniell@stl.unitedway.org

Finding Common Ground in the Era of Welfare Reform
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Florida Child Welfare Waiver Project
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Food Stamp Leavers in Illinois
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Food Stamp Leavers in South Carolina
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GAPS Initiative
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Georgia Welfare Reform Impact Assessment
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(404) 651-3523 or pademf@panther.gsu.edu

Grandparents as Primary Caregivers for TANF Children
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Health and Well-Being in Oklahoma: A Long-Term Analysis
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(405) 521-4498 or kenneth.kickham@okdhs.org

Health Effects of Welfare Reform on Children with Chronic Illness
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Heron Valley: Poverty, Parenting, and Social Change in a Small, Rural Community
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www.binghamton.edu
(607) 589-4645 or Barbara.nikolovska@gte.net

Homeless Family Profile Survey
Contact: *Clark Atlanta University, School of Social Work*
www.cau.edu
(404) 880-6716 or midpass@bellsouth.net

Illegal Aliens: Extent of Welfare Benefits Received on Behalf of U.S. Citizen Children
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www.gao.gov
(202) 512-7125

Illinois Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
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www.westat.com
(301) 251-4286

Illinois Child Welfare Waiver Project: Services to Substance-Abusing Caretakers
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cfrcwww.social.uiuc.edu
(217) 244-5224

Illinois Family Study
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www.jcpr.org/consortium.html
(708) 491-3715 or dalewis@casbah.acns.nwu.edu

Illinois' Study of Former TANF Clients
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www.state.il.us/agency/dhs
(217) 785-0754

Illinois TANF Applicant Study
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www.maximus.com
(703) 734-2504 or prichard@maximus.com

Illinois Youth Employment and Training Initiative
Contact: *Illinois Department of Human Services*
www.state.il.us/agency/dhs/Default.htm

Immigrant Women and Welfare Project
Contact: *Equal Rights Advocates*
www.equalrights.org
(415) 621-0672 or dng@equalrights.org

Impact of Welfare Reform on Families
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www.ssc.wisc.edu/irp
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Impact of Welfare Reform on Social Services Agencies in New York City
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www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork
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Impact of Welfare Reform on Women Leaving TANF in Georgia
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Impact Study of the New Hampshire Employment Program
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Implementing Welfare Reform Requirements for Teenage Parents: Lessons from Experience in Four States
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Implementing Welfare to Work in Michigan
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Implications of the Welfare Reform Law on Suburban Chicago Transit Demand
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Indiana Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
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Iowa "Leavers" Project
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Kansas Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
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Kentucky Welfare Reform Evaluation
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Leaving Welfare Behind: The Oklahoma TANF Leavers Report
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Leaving Welfare: Findings From a Survey of Former New York City Welfare Recipients
Contact: *New York Office of Policy Program Analysis, Human Resources Division*
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Lessons from Project Match's Longitudinal Tracking Data
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(312) 755-2250 ext 2296

Living with Welfare Reform: A Survey of Low-Income Families in Illinois
Contact: *Work, Welfare, and Families*
www.workwelfareandfamilies.org
(312) 986-4220 or wwf@workwelfareandfamilies.org

Los Angeles County Post-TANF Tracking Project
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www.mdrc.org
(212) 340-8849 or nandita_verma@mdrc.org

Los Angeles Welfare Reform Monitoring Project
Contact: *Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness*
www.lacehh.org
(213) 746-6511 or hn1674@handsnet.org

Maine Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *Muskie Institute*
www.muskie.usm.maine.edu
(202) 287-5011

Maryland Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *University of Maryland*
www.umd.edu
(410) 706-5474

Maryland Child Welfare Waiver Project–Managed Care and Services to Substance-Abusing Caretakers
Contact: *University of Maryland School of Social Work*
www.umd.edu
(410) 767-7152

Maryland Family Investment Program (FIP) Evaluation
Contact: *Maryland Department of Human Resources*
www.dhr.state.md.us/dhr

Maximizing Job Opportunities for Welfare Recipients Through Expansion of Value-Added Industries in Economically Disadvantaged Rural Areas
Contact: *Louisiana State University*
www.lsu.edu
(504) 388-1731 or pmonroe@unix1.sncc.lsu.edu

Medicaid Managed Care Study
Contact: *Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.*
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(609) 275-2350 or jwatterworth@mathematica-mpr.com

Medi-Cal Liaison Project
Contact: *Medi-Cal Policy Institute, National Committee for Quality Assurance*
www.ncqa.org/Pages/Programs/HEDIS/medi-cal.htm
(202) 955-1728 or schuman@ncqa.org

Michigan Assemblies Project
Contact: *Groundwork for a Just World*
(313) 822-2055

Michigan Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *Michigan Family Independence Agency*
www.mfia.mi.us
(517) 241-7521 or mehrenm@state.mi.us

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Longitudinal Study
Contact: *Minnesota Department of Human Services*
www.dhs.state.mn.us
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Mississippi Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *Mississippi Department of Human Services*
www.state.ms.us
(601) 359-4495

Missouri Welfare Reform Results Study
Contact: *Missouri Department of Social Services*
www.dss.state.mo.us
(573) 751-3060 or rkoon01@mail.state.mo.us

Monitoring the Impact of Welfare Reform on Immigrant Women, Infants, and Children: Access to Health Care, Health-Seeking Behaviors, and Health Outcomes
Contact: *New York City Department of Health, Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning*
cityweb.cn.ci.nyc.ny.us/html.doh
(212) 442-1744 or rthadani@dohlan.cn.ci.nyc.ny.us

Montana Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services*
www.state.mt.us
(406) 444-5906

Montana Welfare Reform Evaluation Project: Implementation and Process and Outcome of the Families Achieving Independence in Montana (FAIM) Program
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www.state.mt.us
(406) 444-1788 or kpekoc@state.mt.us

Multiple Impacts of Welfare Reform in Utah: Experiences of Former Long-term Welfare Recipients
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www.socwk.utah.edu
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National Academy of Sciences Panel on Data and Methods for Measuring the Effects of Changes in Social Welfare Programs
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National Study of Child Care for Low-Income Families
Contact: *National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University*
www.nccp.org
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NCCP Child Care Research Partnership
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Nebraska Employment First Program Evaluation
Contact: *Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services*
www.hhs.state.ne.us

Nevada Welfare Reform Evaluation
Contact: *Nevada State Welfare Division*
www.state.nv.us.indexw.htm
(702) 687-4770

New Hampshire Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: New *Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services*
www.state.nh.us/dhhs

New Immigrant Survey
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www.rand.org
smith@rand.org

New Mexico Child Welfare Waiver Project
Contact: *State of New Mexico*
www.state.nm.us
(505) 827-8427

New Mexico TANF Longitudinal Study
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New Visions Evaluation
Contact: *Abt Associates, Inc.*
www.abtassoc.com
(301) 913-0548

New York "Leavers" Project
Contact: *Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, State University of New York at Albany*
www.rockinst.org
(518) 474-9482

New York Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *New York State Department of Social Services*
www.state.ny.us
(518) 474-9436

North Carolina Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *North Carolina Division of Social Services*
www.state.nc.us

Ohio Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *Human Services Research Institute*
(503) 362-5682

Oregon Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
Contact: *Portland University Graduate School of Social Work*
www.ssw.pdx.edu
(503) 725-8018

Oregon Families Who Left TANF or Food Stamps
Contact: *Center for the Study of Women in Society*
csws.uoregon.edu
(541) 346-5015 or csws@oregon.uoregon.edu

Pennsylvania TANF Closed Case Telephone Survey
Contact: *Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare*
www.dpw.state.pa.us
(717) 783-7629 or charlesk@dpw.state.pa.us

Process Evaluation of the Free to Grow Pilot Program, Head Start Partnerships to Promote Substance-Free Communities
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Project for the Improvement of Child Support Litigation Technology
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Quality Child Care in Portage County and W2
Contact: *University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*
www.uwsp.edu
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Reaching for Independence: Alaska Leavers Study
Contact: *Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies*
www.ichs.uaa.alaska.edu
(907) 786-6575 or anbls@uaa.alaska.edu

Retention Services in King County
Contact: *Antioch University*
www.antiochla.edu
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Rural Impacts of Welfare Reform
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(608) 263-9728 or mharvey@ssc.wisc.edu

Rural Welfare Reform Project: Does Welfare Reform Work in Rural America?
Contact: *Ohio University*
www.ohio.edu
(740) 593-1381 or tickamyc@ohiou.edu

Rural Welfare to Work Strategies Project: Iowa
Contact: *Iowa State University*
www.iastate.edu
(515) 281-8629 or jbeck@dhs.state.ia.us

San Bernardino County (CA) TANF Recipients Study
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San Mateo County "Leavers" Project
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South Carolina Family Independence Program Process Evaluation
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(202) 467-5775 or pubs@ui.urban.org

South Carolina Welfare and Food Stamp Leavers Study
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South Carolina: State Welfare Reform Evaluation Program
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www.state.sc.us/dss
(803) 898-7461 or medelhoch@dss.state.sc.us

State Tax Policy and Child Poverty in New Mexico
Contact: *New Mexico Advocates for Children and Families*
www.nmacf.org
(505) 244-9505

Study of Arizona Adults Leaving the Food Stamp Program
Contact: *U.S. Department of Agriculture*
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Study of Child Care Arrangements in New York City Neighborhoods
Contact: *Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University*
www.ksg.harvard.edu

Study of Screening and Assessment in TANF/WtW
Contact: *Urban Institute*
www.urban.org
(202) 467-5775 or pubs@ui.urban.org

Study of the Employment Patterns of Young Women and the Implications for Welfare Mothers
Contact: *Urban Institute*
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Study of the TANF Application Process
Contact: *Abt Associates, Inc.*
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(617) 492-7100

Substance Abuse Research Demonstration
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(212) 659-8744 or jon.morgenstern@mssm.edu

Survey of Former Family Independence Program Clients
Contact: *South Carolina Department of Social Services, Office of Program Reform, Evaluation and Research*
www.state.sc.us/dss
(803) 898-7461 or medelhoch@dss.state.sc.us

Survey of Program Dynamics
Contact: *U.S. Census Bureau*
www.sipp.census.gov/spd
(301) 457-3246 or sshipp@census.gov

Survey of the New Mexico Closed Case Recipients
Contact: *Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of New Mexico*
www.umn.edu/~bber
(505) 277-6626 or dbinfo@unm.edu

Survey of Welfare Recipients Employed or Sanctioned for Non-Compliance
Contact: *Bureau for Business and Economic Research, University of Memphis*
www.state.tn.us/humanserv
(615) 313-5652

Texas Achieving Change for Texans (ACT) Welfare Reform Waiver Evaluation
Contact: *University of Texas at Austin*
www.utexas.edu
(512) 438-3743 or r.gummerman@dhs.state.tx.us

Texas Child Care Utilization and Outcomes Study
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www.utexas.edu/lbj
(512) 936-3208 or charlotte.brantley@twc.state.tx.us

Texas Child Welfare Waiver Project
Contact: *State of Texas*
www.state.tx.us

Texas Families in Transition Study
Contact: *Texas Department of Human Services*
www.dhs.state.tx.us
(512) 438-4046

Texas "Leavers" Project
Contact: *Texas Department of Human Services*
www.dhs.state.tx.us
(512) 438-4729

The Annie E. Casey Foundation Rebuilding Communities Initiative
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www.aecf.org
(301) 652-1558 or Sgoodloe@burnesscommunications.com

The Changing Face of Welfare in the 1990s
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(607) 746-2165

The Growing Crisis Among Wisconsin's Poorest Families: A Comparison of Welfare Caseload Declines and Trends in the State's Poverty Population
Contact: *Institute for Wisconsin's Future*
www.execpc.com/~iwf
(414) 384-9094 or iwf@execpc.com

The W-2 Job Path: An Assessment of the Employment Trajectory of W-2 Participants in Milwaukee
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The Welfare in Transition Project: Consequences for Women, Families, and Communities
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www.radcliffe.edu/pubpol/index.html
(617) 496-3478 or mcdonald@radcliffe.edu

Tracking Closed Cases Under The TANF Program in Massachusetts
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www.state.ma.us/eohhs/eohhs.htm
(617) 348-8526 or gloria_nagle@dta.state.ma.us

Tracking Participants and Families Affected by Welfare Reform in Florida
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www.fsu.edu
(850) 644-6284

Understanding Families with Multiple Barriers to Self-Sufficiency
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www.socwk.utah.edu
(801) 585-3891 or mjtaylor@socwk.utah.edu

Understanding the AFDC/TANF Child-Only Caseload
Contact: *Lewin Group*
www.lewin.com
(703) 269-5721

Virginia Closed-Case Study
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Walk a Mile Program
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depts.washington.edu/nwicf
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Washington Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration
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(360) 902-7936

Washington State Early Childhood Education Career Development Ladder
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www.econop.org
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Washington State's Families After Welfare
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Washington Work First Study
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Welfare Graduates: College and Financial Independence
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www.levy.org
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Welfare Reform Commission's Longitudinal Database Study
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www.state.ma.us/dor/dorpg.htm
(617) 577-7200

Welfare Reform, the Economic and Health Status of Immigrants, and the Organizations that Serve Them
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Welfare Reform's Impact on Food Stamp and Medicaid Participation
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Welfare to Work: Monitoring the Impact of Welfare on American Indian Families
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Welfare-to-Work Grants Program Evaluation
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Welfare-to-Work, the Private Sector and Americorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)
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www.cns.gov
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West Virginia Child Welfare Waiver Project
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www.state.mv.us
(304) 558-6444

Wisconsin "Leavers" Project
Contact: *Institute for Research on Poverty*
www.wisc.edu/irp
(608) 262-6358

Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program Evaluation
Contact: *Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development*
www.dwd.state.wi.us
(608) 266-3035

Wisconsin Works Child Support Waiver Demonstration
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Work First New Jersey Evaluation
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